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# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1781.

TRIESTE, *May* 4.

THERE is a plan here on foot, to build about thirty veſſels againſt next ſpring, in order to carry on a trade with all nations, and with the belligerent powers, under the Auſtrian flag; great advantages are expected from this trade.

COPENHAGEN, *May* 24. The frigate le Bornholm, of 36 guns, is lately arrived from the Weſt-Indies, and captain Schionning, who commands her, was immediately put under arreſt, and a commiſſion is appointed to examine into his conduct when he met three Engliſh privateers, which took his convoy from him, conſiſting of ten merchant ſhips. It is ſaid there are ſome circumſtances which make much againſt the captain.

PARIS, *May* 28. The count de Roquefeuille, on the 24th inſtant, took the oaths before the king for the place of vice admiral, vacant by the death of the count d'Aubigny.

M. de la Motte Picquet put to ſea on the 22d inſtant, with ſix ſhips of the line and two frigates; he has hoiſted his flag on board the Terrible. His final deſtination is not publicly known. He has the moſt excellent ſailing ſhips in the whole fleet, the remainder of which is equipping with all diſpatch, and it will probably be ready in a few weeks; public ſtill aſſign the command of it to count d'Eſtaing. The veſſels deſtined for the Eaſt-Indies are arrived from l'Orient at Breſt. They write from Rochfort, that the new ſhips of war l'Argonaute and Brave will be launched the 5th of next month.

LONDON, *June* 9.

A letter from an officer under the command of lord Cornwallis, in Carolina, ſays, "We have paid very dear for the advantage lately gained over the rebels, as we have loſt many of our beſt officers, and a great number of men; ſeveral of thoſe that were wounded die daily, ſo that our army is much reduced. It was the moſt bloody battle that has been fought ſince the American war firſt broke out. Poor col. O'Hara was ſtabbed in many parts of his body by bayonets, by which you may ſuppoſe the action was very cloſe and obſtinate. Our general had his meeting with ſucceſs at firſt, thought he ſhould ſoon have brought the rebels to ſubmit, but he is now convinced that he was miſtaken, and that an entire conqueſt will be a very difficult matter."

Great-Britain in all the extent of her ſervices pays for above 400,000 men, but it is ſtrongly ſuſpected, that ſhe has not in the world 300,000: ſo much is the public impoſed upon.

It is reported, that the hereditary prince of Brunſwick, with 20,000 additional forces, will be ſent to North-America.

Thurſday orders were given to all the officers who are in town, belonging to the grand fleet to repair immediately on board their reſpective ſhips at Portſmouth, as they are expected to receive orders for ſailing in a few days.

All the private letters from Barbados, give a deplorable account of the ſtate of that iſland: the hurricanes of the ſeaſon has deſtroyed great part of the plantent crops, and burnt up the young canes, ſo that the wretched inhabitants, planters, muſt be reduced to the greateſt diſtreſs. Plantations which uſed to make 3000 pots of ſugar in a ſeaſon, have not made 500. This calamity following ſo cloſe upon the heel of their former misfortunes, renders their ſituation truly miſerable.

A private letter from Paris, ſays, "Eight ſhips of the line, the largeſt and beſt ſailing veſſels, are ordered immediately to Cadiz. M. d'Eſtaing goes with them, and it is very ſtrongly reported he is to command the Spaniſh ſquadron, as well as our own, and take upon him the principal management of the ſiege of Gibraltar by ſea.

An expedition was on foot at the Havannah, ſo long ago as the month of March laſt, to go againſt New-Providence, the principal of the Bahama iſlands; one thouſand land forces and ſeveral ſhips of war were deſtined for that expedition. Government's next diſpatches from Penſacola and the Bahamas, it is expected, will bring very bad news from both places.

Colonel O'Hara, of the guards, who was killed in the engagement under lord Cornwallis, had 16 wounds in his body given by bayonets.

The diſtant ſituation of the ſeveral towns and villages in North Carolina, divided too by fords and rivers, will make the conqueſt of that province a work of more time than that of South-Carolina. Of the latter, Charles-town was the key of the whole country; but North-Carolina, has, in fact, no capital, it conſiſting of ſmall towns detached at conſiderable diſtances from each other.

BOSTON, *Auguſt* 27.

We are informed, that before the arrival of col. Laurens at the court of Verſailles, Dr. Franklin had obtained for the United States a loan of ten millions of livres; and that after the arrival of the colonel, who has executed his commiſſion with great diſpatch and an happy ſucceſs, ten millions more were readily obtained. Part of this loan has happily arrived in a large quantity of military ſtores of all kinds, as well as in ſpecie.

When colonel Laurens took leave of the king of France, his majeſty preſented him with his picture, richly ſet, and at the ſame time ſaid to him, "aſſure my friends, the United States, of the ſincerity and warmth of my regard for them; and that I am ſtill ready to afford them every aid that the circumſtances of my kingdom will allow, and the events of the war may demand."

We have an account that may be relied on from the Weſt-Indies, that a French frigate in thoſe ſeas meeting with an Engliſh one, a ſmart engagement enſued, when the latter ſunk in ſo ſudden a manner, that no aſſiſtance could be given to the men, all of whom periſhed.

We have the beſt information from France, that the credit of the United States of America ſtands high in Europe.

NEW-YORK, *September* 5.

By accounts from the Cheſapeake, dated the 31ſt ult. the arrival of a French fleet or ſquadrons, conſiſting of 23 ſail, including frigates and inferior veſſels, were arrived at Lyn-Haven bay, in Virginia, from whence a 64 and two frigates were diſpatched up York river, and had taken a ſtation off York-town. Every preparation was making by our noble general to defend the important poſts his lordſhip there poſſeſſes; and as a very formidable and truly well appointed ſquadron of the Britiſh line, commanded by admiral Graves, is, through much exertion, ſuppoſed to be now in the vicinity of our combined enemies, we may conclude the preſent to be the moſt intereſting and critical æra ſince the commencement of the American rebellion; for an expected action at ſea, is likely to become deciſive of the inadmiſſible idol, independence. We have, at preſent, the ſatisfaction to perceive a great part of the French navy in a more peculiar, and perhaps a more dangerous poſition, than they were ever yet reduced to. Granting that the French Weſt-India and Rhode-Iſland fleets ſhould have both reached the Cheſapeake before admiral Graves, we truſt the following ſtate, as accurate as we can preſent it, of the Britiſh navy, when arrived in the bay, may inſpire every true Briton with a firm confidence in its fair pretenſions to brilliant ſucceſs.

*A liſt of the Britiſh fleet, commanded by Thomas Graves, Eſq; rear-admiral of the red.*

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| London | 98 | R. ad. Graves, c. D. Graves. |
| Barfleur | 90 | R. ad. Hood, capt. Hood. |
| Princeſſa | 70 | R. ad. Drake, c. Knatchbull. |
| Bedford | 74 | Capt. Thomas Graves. |
| Royal Oak | 74 | Ardeſoif. |
| Invincible | 74 | Saxton. |
| Alcide | 74 | Thomſon. |
| Alfred | 74 | Bayne. |
| Ajax | 74 | Charrington. |
| Reſolution | 74 | Ld. Robert Manners. |
| Centaur | 74 | Inglefield. |
| Montague | 74 | Bowen. |
| Terrible | 74 | Hon. capt. Finch. |
| Shrewſbury | 74 | M. Robinſon. |
| Monarch | 74 | Reynolds. |
| Europe | 64 | Child. |
| America | 64 | Thomſon. |
| Belliqueaux | 64 | Brine. |
| Intrepid | 64 | Molloy. |
| Adamant | 50 | Johnſton. |
| Chatham | 50 | Douglaſs. |
| Aſſurance | 44 | Swinney. |
| La Nymphe 18 pound. on one deck | 44 | Ford. |
| La Fortunee 12 pound. on one deck | 44 | Chriſtian. |
| Richmond | 32 | Hudſon. |
| Orpheus | 32 | Colpoys. |
| Iris | 32 | Dawſon. |
| Sybil | 28 | Rodney. |
| Pegaſus | 28 | Stanhope. |
| Carysfoot | 28 | Peacock. |
| Solebay | 28 | Everett. |
| Medea | 28 | Duncan. |
| Amphitrite | 28 | Biggs. |
| Salamander fire-ſhip. | 8 | Bowater. |
| Jane ſloop | | Knight. |

All the above line of battle ſhips, except the Europe, are coppered.

*Extract of a letter from Virginia, dated York, Aug.* 31.

"I now inform you, that we are blocked up by a French fleet of 23 ſail; one 64 and 3 frigates lay in ſight of us. We are making all the preparations we can to give them a warm recep ion."

Yeſterday came up two victualle s, part of the fleet committed to the protection of his majeſty's frigate Pegaſus, and diſpat hed by rear-admiral Sir Samuel Hood, to New-York. The Pegaſus and her convoy, on the paſſage fell in with a French ſquadron of 8 line of battle ſhips, ſuppoſed to be M. Barras. It was apprehended the whole, conſiſting of 6 victuallers and a veſſel with the 40th regiment's cloathing, had fallen into the hands of the enemy, until happily theſe two effected a ſafe arrival in our harbour.

CHATHAM, *September* 5.

We are happy to announce to the public, the entire exchange of all our priſoners at New-York and Long-Iſland, moſt of whom have come out, and the reſt may be momently expected. They received, while in captivity, one pound of fleſh, two pounds of bread, (which was often very bad) and a pint of rice, per man, for three days. Seldom does Britiſh munificence extend farther.

PHILADELPHIA, *September* 11.

*Extract of a letter from Saliſbury, North-Carolina, Auguſt* 17.

"Future ages will celebrate the name of that illuſtrious hero, who, by his activity and ſuperior military talents, has, for more than eight months paſt, ſo often baffled the enemy, always ſuperior in numbers and every thing elſe, except valour and military abilities. The Carolinas will never forget general Greene, and this ſtate in particular, will always acknowle ge, that it is to his abilities and perſeverance we owe our preſent promiſing condition; and he has inſpired our people with a ſpirit and confidence that riſes greatly above every oppoſition and diſtreſs. Our civil government has now acquired a better tone.

"Major Burnett and colonel Morris, two of the general's aid de camps, have gone to the northward, I preſume on buſineſs of great importance; thoſe two young gentlemen are an honour to their profeſſion, and their names ought never to be forgotten. Indeed all that little army have done and ſuffered more, in defence of this country, than can be expreſſed."

*Extract of a letter from an officer at Elizabeth-town, to his friend in this city, dated September* 4.

"Let me congratulate you that you can once more with propriety, wear your ſide-arms. Your exchange took place yeſterday. I have ſeen Mr. Lering's certificate annexed to a liſt of general exchanges in which you are inclu ed.

"Brigadier-general Irvine and all the colonels are exchanged, and in ſhort every officer on Long-Iſland, except a few, who will be ſhortly releaſed, as a propoſal for this purpoſe is now on foot."

Yeſterday arrived a prize ſloop, from New-York bound to Newfoundland, with a cargo of ſalt; ſent in by the Holker privateer of this port.

ANNAPOLIS, *September* 20.

On Monday laſt, agreeable to the conſtitution and form of government, the electors of the ſenate met at the ſtadt houſe in this city, and the next day proceeded to ballot for fifteen ſenators, when the following gentlemen were elected, viz. For the weſtern ſhore, George Plater, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, John Smith, James M'Henry, Daniel Carroll, Charles Carroll, Barriſter, Richard Barnes, and Benedict Edward Hall, Eſquires. For the eaſtern ſhore, Matthew Tilghman, John Henry, Robert Goldſborough, William Hindman, Joſiah Polk, and Edward Lloyd, Eſquires.

We have it from the beſt authority, that the count de Graſſe is returned to his former ſtation at Cape Henry, having driven the Britiſh fleet from the coaſt, formed a junction with the ſquadron of the count de Barras, and captured two Britiſh frigates.

About four thousand French troops, with a train of artillery, marched into this city on Tuesday last from the northward, and will embark this evening or to-morrow morning for Virginia; they are to be convoyed by the Romulus, Gentille, and some other frigates of our illustrious ally, now at anchor off this harbour.

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In COUNCIL, August 16, 1781.

THE measures pursuing by this state, for filling up the regiments of infantry and troops of cavalry, and preparing them immediately to take the field, make the demands for the new emission of money very considerable; but as the money to defray the expences of the campaign, cannot issue until the subscriptions and securities are lodged with the treasurer, the Governor and Council earnestly request all those gentlemen who are authorised to receive subscriptions, to exert themselves in completeing that business, and to make returns of the subscriptions already received to the treasurer of this shore without loss of time.

5 By order, T. JOHNSON, jun. clk.

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THE inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county intend to prefer a petition to the general assembly of the state of Maryland, for an act of assembly to dispose of the old court-house and other public property in Queen's-town, and to purchase a quantity of land at the head of Corsica creek, whereon the public buildings for the use of the county may be erected, at such time and particular place as by the judgment of the general assembly shall be appointed and ascertained; and in the mean time for holding the courts of election, and the county and orphans courts, at the dwelling house now occupied by Elijah Minor, near Chester-mill, and directing the clerk and other public officers, to attend there until public buildings can be erected for the accommodation of the public, at the place directed and ascertained by the general assembly. 15 w8

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July 31, 1781.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to the next general assembly of Maryland, by a number of the freemen of Cecil county, to have an act passed for a special election, in order to take the sense of the county where the court of justice ought to be fixt, and that the election be held two days where the court-house now stands, two days at the Head of Elk, and two days at Charles-town, and that proper judges be appointed to hold the election. 15 w8

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TO all whom it may concern; the inhabitants of Washington county, do hereby give notice, that they intend petitioning the next general assembly for a division of the said county into two.

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September 26, 1781.

RAN away from colonel Edward Lloyd's plantation, on Wye river, on the 12th instant, a man slave called DICK UNGLE; he is about 26 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout and well made, has thick lips, and is very black; he is a sensible artful fellow, very complaisant, and can give a plausible account of himself; his apparel is not certainly known; he has followed the water, and will probably endeavour to escape that way. Whoever takes up and secures the said negro, so that his master may get him again, or will deliver him to the subscriber at Wye river, shall receive 30 dollars of the last emission as a reward.

Cl. 5 Nov. 1781. RICHARD GRASON.

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THERE is at the plantation of Tyler Baldwyn, about 3 miles from Annapolis, taken up as a stray, a small mare about 12 and a half or 13 hands high, a small star on her forehead, short switch tail, long mane, and no brand, shod before, trots and gallops. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. 2 w3

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THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Jacob, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a stray, a red and white cow, appears to be old, marked with a crop in the right ear and an under slip in the left. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. 2 w6

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St. Mary's county, Sept. 8, 1781.

To be sold, near the head of St. Mary's river, at public vendue, on Thursday the 18th of October next, for tobacco or hard cash,

A PARCEL of very likely young negroes, and a large quantity of very valuable houshold furniture, consisting of beds, tables, chairs, looking-glasses, and many other articles too tedious to mention; also stock of every sort. Those who purchase in tobacco may, if they chuse, have credit, upon their giving bond and security for the payment of it. 4w

2 SARAH WATTS, executrix.

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Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, August 27, 1781.

PURSUANT to an act of assembly will be sold at public auction, on the 10th day of October next, on the premises, the ground rents of a considerable number of lots in Frederick-town, also several tracts containing about 7000 acres of very valuable land lying contiguous to the said town, most of which is improved, late the property of Daniel Dulany son of Daniel. Three well situated lots in the said town, on which are erected two handsome and commodious brick dwelling houses, with other improvements. Also two tracts of valuable land, containing about 1200 acres, within a few miles of the said town, late the property of the rev. Henry Addison. A tract containing about 300 acres of good land in Frederick county, called Partnership, late the property of John Buchanan. The whole will be laid out into small and convenient farms from 100 to 300 acres. The money to be paid down, if agreeable to the purchasers, if not, they may give bond with two good and sufficient securities to pay one third of the sum bid on the first day of september 1782, another third on the first day of September 1783, and the remaining third on the first of September 1784, with interest, in gold or silver, or the new bills of credit in pursuance of an act of the last session of assembly, at their actual value at the time of payment.

By order of the commissioners,

4X JOSEPH BAXTER, clk.

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Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, August 27, 1781.

PURSUANT to an act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed at their last session, will commence the sale of all the property, both real, personal, and mixed, late belonging to James Russell and company, commonly known by the name of the Nottingham Company, consisting of about 12,000 acres of valuable land, situate in Baltimore county, and about 12 miles from Baltimore-town; 160 slaves of different ages and sexes, amongst whom are several valuable tradesmen, such as forgemen, colliers, blacksmiths, carpenters, &c. stock of every kind, houshold furniture, and farming utensils. On the premises are two excellent forges, one furnace, and two grist-mills, all in good repair. That part of the premises called the Long-Caln, where the forges stand, is in point of situation perhaps equal to any on the continent for water-works, the Brandywine not excepted. Besides two mills which are already built, eight or ten more may be erected, and from the same dam and same race be supplied with a great abundance of water in the driest seasons. The iron-works, together with a quantity of lands, negroes, and stock of every kind sufficient for carrying them on, will be sold in undivided shares, not exceeding tenths; or the lands and property of every kind will be divided into small and convenient parcels, and sold separately, as may appear at the time of sale best to suit the wishes of the purchasers, and the intention of the state. The sum bid to be paid in specie, or in the bills of credit emitted in this state, by the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary. Credit will be given to the purchasers to the first day of January 1786, upon their giving bonds with two good securities, each having real property in this state to the value of the purchase money. The sale will begin on the 10th day of November next, at capt. Phillips's, that noted tavern, about 12 miles from Baltimore-town, which being part of the premises will also be sold.

By order of the commissioners,

4 JOSEPH BAXTER, clk.

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Calvert county, Sept. 3, 1781.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber intends to petition the general assembly of Maryland, at their next session, to make over to him a tract of land called Hardesty, being near Hunting-town, now in the possession of Joseph Hall.

3 GABRIEL CHILDS.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be preferred to the next general assembly of this state, for an act to pass, making the repairs and keeping the causeway that leads through Pocomoke swamp to Snowhill-town, in Worcester county, a public charge upon the said county in general. 5 3w

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Prince-George's county, July 15, 1781.

COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, a negro man named BOB, who says he belongs to Joseph Matling in St. Mary's county. He is about 24 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, well made, his cloaths are so indifferent a description is not necessary. His master is desired to take him away and pay charges.

3X THOMAS WILLIAMS, sheriff.

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Annapolis, August 30, 1781.

To be rented by the year, or leased for a number of years.

THE large and commodious house, formerly the dwelling house of William Reynolds, late of this city, well calculated for a tavern or private gentleman's family, as there is every convenience for either. For terms apply to the subscriber on the premises. w3

3X MARY REYNOLDS.

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THE following are a list of the certificates forcibly taken from me by a number of armed men, on the night of the 23th of March 1781, viz. 10 state of Maryland certificates, dated November 6, 1778, numbered 628 to 637 inclusive, for 1333 dollars each, and 4 other state of Maryland certificates, dated November 6, 1778, numbered 638 to 641 inclusive, for 666⅔ dollars each, also a state of Maryland tender certificates in the name of John Bolton, No. 34 and 35, for £. 100 currency each. The public are cautioned against the receiving or taking an assignment, as payment will not be made on them. 6w

2 EDWARD LLOYD.

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THE subscriber intends to petition the next general assembly of this state, setting forth his claim, and praying to be put into possession of that part of Calverton Manor in Charles county which is included in the lines of a tract of land called Indian Creek, to which he apprehends he has a just title.

3 CLEMENT HOLLYDAY.

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TAKEN up as a runaway, a negro fellow named DANIEL, who says he belongs to Williamson Ball, in Richmond county, Virginia. He is a young fellow about 19 years of age, and says he deserted from the British. His master may have him, on proving property, and paying charges to

3X JOHN HALL, at the Head of Severn.

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Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, September 2, 1781.

ON the 24th inst. will commence the sale of a number of very valuable lots on Whetstone point. One half of the purchase money to be paid in ten days, the other half to be paid in six weeks from the day of sale. The necessity of transmitting cash to our troops in the southern department, requires that half of each payment should be made in gold or silver, the other half will be received in any bills of credit current in the state, those of the last emission will be taken at par with specie, the other emissions at their passing value. If the first payment is not made agreeable to the terms of sale, it shall rest with the commissioners either to confirm or make void the purchase; should the first payment be made and the second not, the defaulter shall be liable to pay 10 per cent. interest. No conveyance or possession will be given until the whole is paid.

By order,

3 JOSEPH BAXTER, clk.

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Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, August 27, 1781.

PURSUANT to an act of the last session of assembly, will be sold at public auction on the premises the 25th day of October next, the three following tracts of land lying in Montgomery county, viz. Part of Friendship, 400 acres, being part of the tract on which col. John Murdock lives near George-town; Conclusion, containing about 1800 acres at the mouth of Seneca; and a tract called Accord, alias Concord, containing about 60 acres, and about six miles distant from the forgoing tract. The above lands are valuable for their situation, soil, and timber, and will be laid off and sold in small and convenient farms from 100 to 300 acres. The money to be paid down or the purchaser to give bond with two good and sufficient securities to pay one third of the purchase money on the first day of September 1782, one third on the first of September 1783, and the remaining third on the first of September 1784, in gold or silver, or the new bills of credit emitted pursuant to an act of the last session, at their actual value at the time of payment. The sale will commence on the tract adjoining col. Murdock's.

By order of the commissioners,

4X JOSEPH BAXTER, clk.

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THERE is at the plantation of Charles Reynolds, in Montgomery county, near Bensburg, taken up as a stray, a dark bay mare about 5 years old, 13 and an half hands high, branded on the near buttock S, trots and gallops. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. 2 w3

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A FEW copies of the LAWS of MARYLAND, passed last session of assembly, may be had at the Printing-office. 3

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